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The Honorable Bill Huizenga
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Dear Representative Huizenga:

I am writing you today to point out the dire consequences the recently passed state minimum wage increase causes for the moving industry in Michigan. As I am sure you know, now that the states minimum wage is higher than the federal minimum wage it eliminates the overtime exemption for drivers regulated by the United States Department of Transportation and expands the number of my employees now eligible for overtime.

Just to give you an idea of how drivers are compensated at Corrigan Moving Systems who would be impacted under the new law, they are paid an hourly rate of \$16 to \$20, plus they are covered by a 401(k) plan to which Corrigan Moving Systems contributes up to \$1,500 a year. The drivers enjoy paid vacations, holidays and personal days. Corrigan Moving Systems pays for the cost of Health Care coverage for the Drivers and their families. Corrigan Moving Systems also covers our drivers and their family with a life insurance policy, as you can see our driver's wage and benefit package is competitive.

However, if the states new minimum wage increase goes into effect on October 1st without any adjustments to retain the drivers exemption for overtime we will be forced to eliminate some of our employees in the driver classification and/or reduce our drivers wages and benefits package.

The solution to this unintended consequence is to pass House Bill 6213 that would retain the driver's exemption for overtime before the minimum wage increase goes into effect on October 1, 2006.

I look forward to your response on this important issue and stand ready to help solve this problem and keep good paying jobs in Michigan.

Sincerely,

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